

Green Beans and an Ear of Corn

Historical Notes by Rosa May (Fillingim) Anderson

"My mother, Mary Elizabeth (called Lizzie)(Dyess) Fillingim, was born Oct. 15, 1861, Macon County, Georgia, near old Pottersville- later Taylor Co.- Taylorsville.

"While mother was yet a baby a few months old- I believe the spring of 1862, because she has mentioned this- they planted (her parents) their garden together. Her father (Jack Dyess) went away to serve in the Confederate Army. I do not know how long he served, but some months, because she (Mary Ann E. Dyess) mentions they received letters from him. The Confederate Soldiers were often hungry. He wrote in his letters- 'eat the green beans from our garden and think of me' and another time he writes, 'I have had one ear of corn to eat from several days.' He was wounded in combat and died when his leg was amputated. He was buried in Murfreesboro, Tenn." (Rosa May Anderson)

Jack Dyess, Co. K of the 33rd Regt. Ala. Infantry, received a gun shot wound at the Battle of Stone River, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862- Jan. 3, 1863. He was a prisoner of war in the hospital and died Jan. 29, 1863- at Murfreesboro. He is likely buried at Confederate Circle.

H. J. (Jack) Dyess married Mary Ann E. Revel, Dec. 16, 1860, in Taylor Co. Ga. Jack enlisted at Montgomery, Ala.- May 11, 1862.

From Aunt Leola Root's records.
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